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Mr. Damaris Cristiano  
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency  
260 Broadway  
New York, New York 10017

**Re: 216 Paterson Plank Road, Carlstadt, New Jersey ("SCP")**

Dear Mr. Cristiano:

We have been advised by Common Counsel for the Cooperating PRP Group at the above site that a tentative *de minimis* settlement has been reached among EPA, the Department of Justice and the Cooperating PRP Group; and, further, that EPA has set a deadline of August 12, 1996 by which all parties that intend to participate in the settlement must submit their names and waste-in amounts. Accordingly, this will serve as notice that National Starch and Chemical Company ("NSC") intends to participate in the proposed *de minimis* settlement. The waste-in amount that has been assigned to NSC on the most recent lists prepared by both EPA and the Cooperating PRP Group is 40,000 gallons. It is our understanding that any party will have the option to opt out of the settlement once the final Administrative Order on Consent is issued by EPA and DOJ.

Very truly yours,

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